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Mr. Matthew P. Margaglio
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Office of Planning and Development
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99 Washington Avenue
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Re: January 12, 2018 letter from Claudia Taccetta on behalf of an Amtrak proposal to fence off areas of the Hudson River

Dear Mr. Margaglio,

The Rhinebeck Town Board has passed a resolution (attached) authorizing me to write to you objecting to this proposal.

First of all, the referenced application has errors, omissions, and inconsistencies.

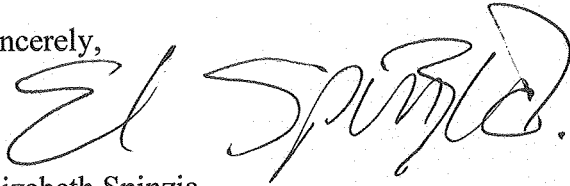
Moreover, the provided maps are indecipherable.

Second, this proposal must be reviewed by the Town's Planning Board and its Conservation Advisory Committee for compliance with the town's Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Third, the town's three Fire Departments must be given the opportunity to review the proposed plan to ensure that unfettered access remains available for emergency response along and/or in the Hudson River including accidents involving Amtrak. In general, we question the

need to restrict access based on safety concerns. We would like to see the justification behind the Amtrak proposal with particular attention to incidents involving so-called trespassers. The Rhinebeck Town Board requests that Amtrak present this proposal at one of our public meetings so that Rhinebeck residents' questions can be answered. We also request that the public comment period for this proposal be extended to 30 days commencing with the completion of Amtrak's public meetings with the affected town and village boards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Spinzia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "S".

Elizabeth Spinzia
Supervisor, Town of Rhinebeck

Att: Town Rhinebeck of Resolution

cc: Gov. Mario Cuomo, Rep. Kevin Cahill, Sen. Sue Serino, Joel Tyner, Rhinebeck Town Board, Town of Rhinebeck Planning Board, Town of Rhinebeck Conservation Advisory Committee, Claudia Taccetta